Remarks

Claims 1-3, 7 and 12-21 are pending.

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 10 and 13 (now claims 1 and 13) under 35 U.S.C. 112(1) as containing subject matter that is not described in the Specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the Applicants had possession of the invention as now claimed. The Examiner objects to the exclusionary provisos. Applicants have merely sought to exclude compounds disclosed in the prior art. Such an exclusion is permitted under the rationale of <u>In relohnson</u>, 194 U.S.P.Q. 187 (CCPA 1977).

The Examiner objects, with respect to claim 10, to the possibility of $-R_{12}$ for $-R_{11}$ and suggests it should be $-OR_{12}$. Claim 10 has been canceled.

The Examiner objects to the compounds of claim 13, particularly the last 10. The Examiner states that the compounds do not correspond to any of the compounds in the examples. The compounds are not expressly disclosed but fall within the general parameters of the preferred embodiments. For instance, preferred embodiment (a) of page 15 is encompassed by new claim 15, which is then further represented by specific compounds 1-4 in claim 14. Claim 16 is directed to preferred embodiment (b) on page 15, which is further exemplified by compounds 6, 7, 9, 14, 14, 16, 17 and 20 in claim 14. Claim 17 is directed to preferred embodiment (c) on page 15, which is further exemplified by compounds 10, 11, 12, 13, 19 in claim 14 and compounds 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 in claim 13.

The Examiner objects to claims 7 and 8 (now claim 7) for including an embedded preferred embodiment. With respect to claim 7, the relevant lines have been deleted.

The Examiner objects to the phrase "in treating" in claim 2. The phrase has been deleted. The Examiner also objects to claim 2 for not further limiting claim 7 from which it depends. The applicable subject matter from claim 7 has been incorporated into claim 2. The Examiner also objects to the phrase "an usual alkylating agent", which has been changed to "an alkylating agent".

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The Examiner objects to claim 3 due to the phrase "compounds I according to". The preamble has been amended appropriately. The Examiner also objects to claim 3 since it only represents a subset of the compounds from claim 7. Claim 3 no longer depends from claim 7 and has been amended to ensure that the recited product and reactants are internally consistent. The term "generally" has been deleted as a modifier for the treatment pressure.

The Examiner objects to the compound formulae in general where $-NR_8R_9$ stand for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical including $-NR_5$. The Examiner outlines a possibility that the compound produces endless cyclic rings. The $-NR_8R_9$ elements has been deleted.

The Examiner does not understand the meaning of the phrase "branched alkyl groups or aralkyl groups, such as $-(CH_2)_{r1}$ -aryl- $(CH_2)_{r2}$ - in claim 8. Claim 8 has been canceled.

The Examiner maintains that the formula for julodidyl in claim 10 is improper. The Examiner also notes that claim 10 defines R_{11} without it being used anywhere. Claim 10 has been canceled.

The Examiner correctly notes that claim 12 should depend from claim 1. Claim 12 has been amended accordingly.

The Examiner rejects claims 2, 4, 5 and 7 (now claims 2 and 7) under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,585,878 ("Jost et al."). The Examiner maintains her obviousness rejection of claim 6 (now canceled) under 35 U.S.C. 103 in view of Jost. The Examiner rejects claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Jost. The Examiner asserts that it would be obvious to modify the generically disclosed compounds of Jost to arrive at the instantly claimed compounds. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The DPP compounds of formulae X to XIV of Jost are substituted by phenyl in the positions corresponding to Ar₁ and Ar₂. Claim 2 is drawn to a process for preparing the compounds of claim 7. Claim 7 is drawn to fluorescent diketopyrrolopyrrole compounds. In relevant part, claim 7 does not encompass substituted aryl groups for Ar₁ and Ar₂. Jost does not provide any motivation for employing the instantly reciting aromatic groups (Ar1 and Ar2) in claim 7. Claim 13 is drawn DPP

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compounds that can have a phenyl ring, but has more complicated aryl substitution than contemplated in Jost. The specific compounds of claim 13 are neither disclosed nor suggested within Jost.

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 4-7 and 12 (now 1, 7 and 12) under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by published European patent application 499,011 ("EP '011"). The Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 12 (now 1, 2, 7 and 12) under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious in view of EP '011 and Jost. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 1 is drawn to an electroluminescent device having a light emitting layer containing at least one selected diketopyrrolopyrrole compound represented by formula I or III where, in relevant

part,
$$Ar_1$$
 and Ar_2 can be

EP '011 describes an organic EL element comprising a DPP compound in examples 3 and 7. The electroluminescent device shown therein comprises an anode, a hole transporting layer, a light-emitting layer of 2,5-dimethyl-3,6-di(o-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole

and polycarbonate in a 1:1 ratio and 2,5-dimethyl-3,6-di(phenyl)pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole, respectively and a cathode is disclosed. The substituents for Ar1 and Ar2 do not include alkoxy groups. The compounds and device shown in EP '011 do not anticipate the invention of claim 1.

Furthermore, the light emitting layer compound 2,5-dimethyl-3,6-di(phenyl)pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole does not show electroluminescence in thin film type organic EL devices. The emission from

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the device using 2,5-dimethyl-3,6-di(o-methoxyphenyl)pyrrolo[3,4-c]pyrrole is heterogeneous/uneven on the emission area of the device (cf. Comparative Examples 1 to 3). According to EP '011 only highly crystalline organic pigments should be employed for a light emitting material (see page 7, lines 2 to 7). However, one of the requirements for light emitting materials is its morphological stability. Crystalline materials show a tendency to be morphologically modulated in the evaporated film. Therefore, the compounds of EP '011 are not suitable for the claimed application of claim 1.

The Examiner rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by published German reference 3,713,459 ("DE '459"). The Examiner points to the compounds of formulae (2a), (2b), (2c) and (2d), which the Examiner states can have substituted phenyl groups. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

$$R_{55}$$
 R_{56}
. The DPP compounds 2b, 2c and 2d

The compounds of claim 7 do not include . The DPP compounds 2b, 2c and 2c as shown on page 3 of DE '459 do not anticipate the compound of claim 7 herein.

The Examiner rejects claims 8-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 5,298,063 ("Mizuguchi et al."). The Examiner asserts that it would have been obvious to modify the compounds of Mizuguchi to arrive at the instantly claimed compounds. Claims 8-11 have been canceled thereby rendering this rejection moot.

The Examiner provisionally rejects claims 1-12 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 2-13 in Copending application No. 09/753,080. If this case appears to be otherwise in condition for allowance, Applicants shall submit a terminal disclaimer.

The Examiner also rejects claims 2-7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the '080 Application. The '080 Application has a US filing date of September 7, 2000. Applicants shall submit

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a certified translation to establish a date of invention prior to the effective filing date of the '080 Application.

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Amended Claims with underlining and bracketing

- 1. (twice amended) Electroluminescent device comprising in this order
- (a) an anode
- (b) a hole transporting layer
- (c) a light-emitting layer
- (d) optionally an electron transporting layer and
- (e) a cathode

and a light-emitting substance, wherein the light-emitting substance is a diketopyrrolopyrrole ("DPP") represented by formula I or formula III

wherein R_1 and R_2 , independently from each other, stand for C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, allyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or Ar_3 , or $-CR_3R_4$ - $(CH_2)_m$ - Ar_3 , wherein R_3 and R_4 independently from each other stand for hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl,

 Ar_3 stands for phenyl or 1- or 2-naphthyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, halogen or phenyl, which can be substituted with C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxy one to three times, and m stands for 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

Ar, and Ar,, independently from each other, stand for

$$R_{55}$$
 or R_{7} or R_{6} R_{7} or R_{6}

, which can be substituted one to four times with C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, or phenyl

wherein

 R_s , R_s and R_r , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1-C_s alkyl, -NR₈R₉, -OR₁₀, -S(O)_nR₈, -Se(O)_nR₈, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1-C_s alkyl or C_1-C_s alkoxy,

 R_{ss} , R_{sc} and R_{sy} , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, $C_1 - C_0$ alkyl, - NR_sR_{sy} , $-OR_{10}$, $-S(O)_nR_s$, $-S(O)_nR_s$, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_0 alkyl or C_1 - C_0 alkoxy,

with the proviso that R_{so} and R_{so} do not simultaneously stand for hydrogen,

wherein R_8 and R_9 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, - CR_3R_4 -(CH_2)_m-Ph, R_{10} , wherein R_{10} stands for C_6 - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms,

wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, or halogen, or

 R_8 and R_9 stand for $-C(O)\underline{R}_{11}$, wherein R_{11} can be C_1-C_{25} -alkyl, C_5-C_{12} -cycloalkyl, R_{10} , $-OR_{12}$ or $-NR_{13}R_{14}$, wherein R_{12} , R_{13} , and R_{14} stand for C_1-C_{25} -alkyl, C_5-C_{12} -cycloalkyl, C_6-C_{24} -aryl, or

 R_s , R_s and R_s , independently of one another, stand for a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, or - NR_8 R, stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R_8 and R_9 together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, - CH_2 -CH

-CH₂-CH₂-NR'₅-CH₂-CH₂-, wherein R'₅ independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_2 alkyl, -NR₂R₂, -OR₁₀, -S(O)₂R₃, -Se(O)₂R₃, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_2 alkyl or C_1 - C_2 alkoxy, and n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3,

and wherein Z stands for a diradical selected from the group consisting of a single bond, C_2 - C_6 alkylene, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, or phenyl, phenylene or naphthylene, wherein in case of the DPP of formula III R_{55} , R_{56} and R_{57} , independently from each other, can also stand for C_1 - C_6 alkyl and R_{56} and R_{57} can also stand simultaneously for hydrogen.

with the proviso that R, and R, do not stand simultaneously for hydrogen, if Ar1 and Ar2 stand

with the proviso that 2,5-dimethyl-3,6-di(p-methylphenyl)pyrrole[3,4-c]pyrrole is excluded.

2. (twice amended) Process for the preparation of a compound <u>represented by formula</u> I or III according to claim <u>7 in treating</u> comprising in a first step the DPP derivative of formula Va or formula Vb

wherein Ar, and Ar, are as defined in claim 7 independently from each other,

or
$$R_8$$
 or julodidyl,

, which can be substituted one to four times with $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkyl, $C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy, or phenyl

wherein

 R_s , R_s and R_s , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_s alkyl, -NR_sR_s, -OR₁₀, -S(O)_nR_s, -Se(O)_nR_s, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_s alkyl or C_1 - C_s alkoxy,

wherein R_s and R_9 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, $-CR_3R_4$ - $(CH_2)_m$ -Ph, R_{10} , wherein R_{10} stands for C_5 - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms,

wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, or halogen, or

 R_s and R_s stand for -C(O) R_{11} , wherein R_{11} can be C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, R_{10} , -O R_{12} or -N R_{13} R_{14} , wherein

 $\underline{R_{12}}$, $\underline{R_{13}}$, and $\underline{R_{14}}$ stand for $\underline{C_1}$ - $\underline{C_{25}}$ -alkyl, $\underline{C_5}$ - $\underline{C_{12}}$ -cycloalkyl, $\underline{C_6}$ - $\underline{C_{24}}$ -aryl,

or

R_s, R_s and R_n, independently of one another, stand for a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three

hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, or -NR₈R₉, stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R₈ and R₉ together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, -CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₂-CH₂-, or -CH₂-CH₂-NR'₅-CH₂-CH₂-, and n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3, wherein R'₅ independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, -OR₁₀, -S(O)₆R₈, -Se(O)₆R₈, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_6 alkyl or C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, and wherein Z stands for a diradical selected from the group consisting of a single bond, C_2 - C_6 alkylene, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, or phenyl,

R₇
R₆
R₇

phenylene or naphthylene, with the proviso that R, and R, do not stand simultaneously for hydrogen

wherein in case of the DPP represented by formula III Ar_1 and Ar_2 can also stand for wherein R_5 , R_6 and R_7 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, $-NR_8R_9$, $-OR_{102}$ $-S(O)_1R_8$, $-Se(O)_1R_8$, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxy,

with a base, then, in a second step, treating the reaction mixture obtained in the first step with an usual alkylating agent, wherein in the first step the base is a hydride, an alkali metal alkoxide or a carbonate, and the alkylating agent is a sulfonate, tosylate, mesylate, carbonate, sulfate, or halogen compound of the formula $(R_1)_{1 \text{ or } 2}X$, wherein X stands for SO_3 -, $(p\text{-Me-phenyl})\underline{SO}_3$ -, (2,4,6-trimethyl-phenyl)-, \underline{SO}_3 -, $-CO_3$ -, $-SO_4$ -, or halogen, or a mixture of $(R_1)_{1 \text{ or } 2}X$ and $(R_2)_{1 \text{ or } 2}X$, wherein R_1 and R_2 are as defined in claim 7 independently from each other, C_1 - C_2 -alkyl, allyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or Ar_3 , or $-CR_3R_4$ - $(CH_2)_m$ - Ar_3 , wherein R_3 and R_4 independently from each other stand for hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_2 - C_3 alkyl,

Ar₃ stands for phenyl or 1- or 2-naphthyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, halogen or phenyl, which can be substituted with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or C_1 - C_3 alkoxy one to three times, and m stands for 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4.

3. (twice amended) Process for the preparation of compounds 1 according to claim 7 represented by formula Illa

comprising (a) treating in a first step the DPP derivative of formula VIa or formula VIb

wherein R_{\downarrow} and R_{\downarrow} are independently from each other, hydrogen, C_{\downarrow} - C_{25} -alkyl, allyl which can besubstituted one to three times with C_{\downarrow} - C_{\downarrow} alkyl or Ar_{\downarrow} , or $-CR_{\downarrow}R_{\downarrow}$ - $-CR_{\downarrow}R_{\downarrow$

H-N R₆

wherein R_2 stand for $-NR_2R_3$, $-OR_{10}$, $-S(O)_1R_2$, $-Se(O)_1R_3$, or ________, wherein R_3 and R_4 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, $-NR'_2R'_3$, $-OR_{10}$, $-Se(O)_1R'_3$, wherein

 R_s and R_{sr} independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1-C_{2s} -alkyl, C_s-C_{12} -cycloalkyl, - $CR_sR_s-(CH_2)_m$ -Ph, R_{10} , wherein R_{10} stands for C_s-C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms,

wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_2 alkoxy, or halogen, or

 R_8 and R_9 stand for -C(O) R_{11} , wherein R_{11} can be C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, R_{10} , -OR₁₂ or -NR₁₃ R_{14} -wherein R_{12} , R_{13} , and R_{14} stand for C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{24} -aryl,

R'₈ and R'₉, independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_2 -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, $-CR_3R_4$ - $(CH_2)_m$ -Ph, R_{10} , wherein R_{10} stands for C_6 - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, or halogen, or

or -NR₈R₉ stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R₈ and R₉ together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, -CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₂-CH₂-, or

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-CH₂-CH₂-NR'₅-CH₂-, wherein R'₅ independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, -OR₁₀, -S(O)₁R₂, -Se(O)₁R₃, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_6 alkyl or C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, and n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3,

 R'_{s} and R'_{s} , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_{1} - C_{2s} -alkyl, C_{5} - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, C_{1} - C_{2} -alkyl, C_{3} - C_{1} - C_{2} -alkyl, C_{5} - C_{1} - C_{2} - C_{2} -alkyl, C_{5} - C_{1} - C_{2} - C_{2} -alkyl, C_{5} - C_{1} - C_{2} - $C_{$

R's and R's stand for -C(O)R11, wherein R11 is as defined above,

or $-NR'_{8}R'_{9}$ stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R'_{8} and R'_{9} together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, $-CH_{2}-CH_{2}-O-CH_{2}-CH_{2}-$, or $-CH_{2}-CH_{2}-$, $-CH_{2}-CH_{2}-$, wherein R'_{5} stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, $C_{1}-C_{9}$ alkyl, $-OR_{10}$, $-S(O)_{10}R_{9}$, $-Se(O)_{10}R_{9}$, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with $C_{1}-C_{9}$ alkyl or $C_{1}-C_{9}$ alkoy, and n is as defined above,

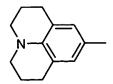
 R_1 and R_2 are independently from each other, hydrogen, C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, allyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or C_3 - C_4 -alkyl, or phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, or phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_4 - C_5 - C_5 - C_5 - C_6 - C_6 - C_6 - C_7 - C_8 - $C_$

$$\operatorname{H-N} \operatorname{R}_{5}$$

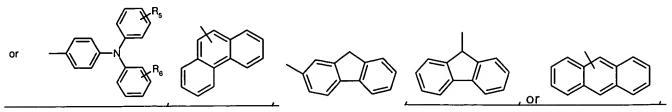
Se(O), R_s, or a secondary amine, HNR_sR_s, a thiol, HSR_s, HS(O), R_s, an alcohol, HOR₁₀, a diselenide, or R_s(O), Se-Se(O), R_s, in a molar ratio of DPP VIa or VIb:nucleophilic agent in the range of 1.2:1 to 0.8:1, or, if R₂ has the same meaning as R₁ in the range of from 1:2.5 to 1:1, in the presence of an anhydrous dipolar aprotic solvent, and of an anhydrous base in an amount in the range of from 0.1 to 15 moles per mole of the nucleophilic agent, at a temperature in the range of from 100 to 220°C and under a pressure generally in the range of from 100 to 300 kPa, and optionally isolating the obtained compound

(b) then treating the obtained compound Va or Vb, wherein Ar₁ and Ar₂ are independently from each other, aryl radicals,

or
$$R_5$$
 or julodidyl,



, which can be substituted one to four times with C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, or phenyl



<u>wherein</u>

 R_s , R_s and R_s , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_s alkyl, - NR_sR_s , - C_s 0, R_s , - C_s 0, R_s , or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_s 2 alkyl or C_s 2.

wherein R_s and R_s , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_{2s} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} cycloalkyl, $-CR_3R_4$ - $(CH_2)_m$ -Ph, R_{10} , wherein R_{10} stands for C_6 - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated
heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms,

wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_2 alkoxy, or halogen, or

 R_8 and R_9 stand for -C(O) R_{11} , wherein R_{11} can be C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, R_{10} - OR_{12} or -NR₁₃ R_{14} -wherein

 R_{12} , R_{13} , and R_{14} stand for C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{24} -aryl,

<u>or</u>

 R_s , R_s and R_s , independently of one another, stand for a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_s alkyl or C_1 - C_s alkoxy, or -NR_sR_s stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R_s and R_s together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, -CH₂-CH₃-O-CH₃-CH₃-O

 $-CH_2-CH_2-NR'_5-CH_2-CH_2-$, and n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3, wherein R'₅ independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1-C_2 alkyl, $-OR_{10}$, $-S(O)_1R_8$, $-Se(O)_1R_8$, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1-C_2 alkyl or C_1-C_3 alkyl, $-C_4$ alkoxy,

and wherein Z stands for a diradical selected from the group consisting of a single bond, C_2 - C_6 alkylene, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, or phenyl, phenylene or naphthylene, with the proviso that R_6 and R_7 do not stand simultaneously for hydrogen

 $- \bigvee_{\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{7}}}^{\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{7}}} \mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{6}}$

wherein in case of the DPP represented by formula III Ar_1 and Ar_2 can also stand for wherein R_2 , R_3 and R_4 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_4 - C_5 alkyl, C_5 - C_6 alkyl, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoy,

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with a base, thereafter in a second step, treating the reaction mixture obtained in the first step of (b) with an alkylating agent, wherein in the first step of (b) the base is a hydride, an alkali metal alkoxide or a carbonate, and the alkylating agent is a sulfonate, tosylate, mesylate, carbonate, sulfate, or halogen compound of the formula $(R_1)_{1 \text{ or } 2}X$, wherein X stands for SO_3 -, $(p-Me-phenyl)-SO_3$ -, $(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenyl)-SO_3$ -, $(2,4,6-trimethyl-phenyl)-SO_3$ -, (2,4,6-trimethyl-phenyl)-(2,4,6-trimethyl-phen

7. (twice amended) Fluorescent diketopyrrolopyrrole represented by formula I or formula III

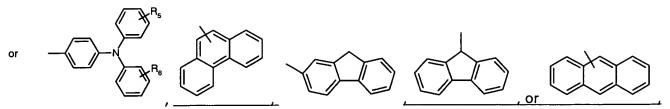
wherein R_1 and R_2 , independently from each other, stand for C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, allyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or Ar_3 , or $-CR_3R_4$ - $(CH_2)_m$ - Ar_3 , wherein R_3 and R_4 independently from each other stand for hydrogen or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl,

Ar₃ stands for phenyl or 1- or 2-naphthyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, halogen or phenyl, which can be substituted with C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxy one to three times, and m stands for 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

Ar₁ and Ar₂, independently from each other, stand for

or
$$R_5$$
 or julodidyl,

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wherein

or

 R_s , R_s and R_r , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_s alkyl, -NR₈R₉, -OR₁₀, -S(O)_nR₈, -Se(O)_nR₈, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_s alkyl or C_1 - C_s alkoxy,

wherein R_8 and R_9 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, $-CR_3R_4$ - $(CH_2)_m$ -Ph, R_{10} , wherein R_{10} stands for C_6 - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms,

wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C₁-C₈alkyl, C₁-C₈alkoxy, or halogen, or R₈ and R₉ stand for -C(O)R₁₁, wherein R₁₁ can be C₁-C₂₅-alkyl, C₅-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, R₁₀, -OR₁₂ or -NR₁₃R₁₄, wherein

 R_{12} , R_{13} , and R_{14} stand for C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{24} -aryl,

 R_3 , R_4 and R_5 , independently of one another, stand for a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, or - NR_8R_9 stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R_8 and R_9 together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, - CH_2 - CH_2 - CH_3 -C

-CH₂-CH₂-NR'₅-CH₂-CH₂-, and n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3, wherein R'₅ independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_2 alkyl, -NR₂R₂, -OR₁₀, -S(O)₁R₂, -Se(O)₁R₃, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_2 alkyl or C_1 - C_3 alkoxy,

and wherein Z stands for a diradical selected from the group consisting of a single bond, C_2 - C_4 alkylene, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, or phenyl, phenylene or naphthylene, with the proviso that R_6 and R_7 do not stand simultaneously for hydrogen or

 $R_1 = R_2 = C_1 - C_0$ alkyl, $Ar_1 = Ar_2 = phenyl$, $R_2 = -NR_0R_2$ in 4-position, $R_3 = R_0 = hydrogen$, and $R_0 = R_2 = C_1 - C_0$ alkyl or phenyl;

 $R_1 = R_2 = C_1 - C_0 alkyl, -(CH_2)_m -Ph, Ar_1 = Ar_2 = phenyl, R_3 = R_4 = hydrogen, R_5 = -OR_{10}, -N(R_0)_2 - or unsubstituted or substituted phenyl in para-position, and <math>R_0 = C_1 - C_0 alkyl$, phenyl or a heterocyclic radical, both unsubstituted or substituted, or $C_3 - C_{12}$ -cycloalkyl; or

 $R_1 = R_2 = -CH_2-Ph$, wherein phenyl can be substituted with phenyl, naphthyl or C_1-C_1 alkyl up to two times, $Ar_1 = Ar_2 = phenyl$, $R_5 = R_6 = hydrogen$, $R_7 = C_1-C_8$ alkyl or phenyl,

wherein in case of the DPP represented by formula III Ar_1 and Ar_2 can also stand for wherein R_s , R_6 and R_7 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl,

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-NR₈R₉, -OR₁₀, -S(O)_nR₈, -Se(O)_nR₈, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C₁-C₈alkyl or C₁-C₈alkoxy.

12. (amended) An electroluminescent device <u>according to claim 1</u> wherein R_8 and R_9 together stand for -CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₂-CH₂-.

13. A compound according to the formulae

H ₃ C-N N-CH ₃	
+ CO N	

14. (new) A compound according to the formulae Me

15. (new) A compound of formula I

$$R_2$$
 R_2
 R_1
 R_1

wherein R_1 and R_2 are C_1 - C_2 alkyl, Ar_1 and Ar_2 are a group of formula R_3 , wherein R_4 and R_5 are $R_$

16. (new) A compound of formula I

 R_1 and R_2 are C_1 - C_8 alkyl, or - $(CH_2)_m$ -Ph, Ar_1 and Ar_2 are a group of formula , wherein R_7 is - OR_{10} , - $N(R_8)_2$ or unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, wherein R_{10} stands for C_5 - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, or halogen and R_8 is C_1 - C_8 alkyl, phenyl or a heterocyclic radical, both unsubstituted or substituted, or C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl.

17. (new) A compound of formula I

$$R_2$$
 Ar_2
 Ar_1
 R_1

<u>, wherein</u>

 R_1 and R_2 are -CH₂-Ph, wherein phenyl can be substituted with phenyl, naphthyl or C_1 - C_4 alkyl up to

two times, Ar, and Ar, are a group of formula , wherein R, is C₁-C₈ alkyl or phenyl, or a group of formula

$$R_7$$
, or , wherein R_7 is hydrogen or OMe.

18. (new) Process for the preparation of compounds represented by formula la

$$R_7$$
 R_1
 R_2
 R_2
 Vla

comprising (a) treating in a first step the DPP derivative of formula VIa or formula VIb



wherein R₂ stand for -NR₃R₃, -OR₁₀, -S(O)₁R₃, -Se(O)₁R₃, or ______, wherein R₃ and R₄, independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C₁-C₂alkyl, -NR'₃R'₃, -OR₁₀, -Se(O)₁R'₃, -Se(O)₁R'₃, wherein

 R_s and R_s , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_{2s} -alkyl, C_s - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, - CR_sR_s -(CH_2)_m-Ph, R_{10} , wherein R_{10} stands for C_s - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms,

wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, or halogen, or

 R_8 and R_9 stand for -C(O) R_{11} , wherein R_{11} can be C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, R_{10} , -OR₁₂ or -NR₁₃ R_{14} , wherein R_{12} , R_{13} , and R_{14} stand for C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{24} -aryl,

R'₈ and R'₉, independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_2 -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, $-CR_3R_4$ - $(CH_2)_m$ -Ph, R_{10} , wherein R_{10} stands for C_6 - C_2 -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, or halogen, or

or -NR₈R₉ stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R₈ and R₉ together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, -CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₃-CH₂-, or

 $\frac{-CH_2-CH_2-NR'_5-CH_2-CH_2-, \text{ wherein } R'_5 \text{ independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano,}}{\text{halogen, } C_1-C_6 \text{alkyl, } -OR_{10}, -S(O)_n R_8, -Se(O)_n R_8, \text{ or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times }}{\text{with } C_1-C_8 \text{alkyl or } C_1-C_8 \text{alkoxy, and n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3,}}$

 R_{s}^{\prime} and R_{s}^{\prime} , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_{1} - C_{2s} -alkyl, C_{s} - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, C_{s} - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, C_{1} - C_{2s} -alkyl, C_{1} - C_{2s} -alkyl, $C_$

R'₈ and R'₉ stand for -C(O)R₁₁, wherein R₁₁ is as defined above,

or $-NR'_{s}R'_{s}$ stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R'_{s} and R'_{s} together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, $-CH_{2}-CH_{2}-O-CH_{2}-CH_{2}-$, or $-CH_{2}-CH_{2}-NR'_{s}-CH_{2}-$ CH₂-, wherein R'_{s} stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, $C_{1}-C_{s}$ alkyl, $-OR_{10}$, $-S(O)_{s}R_{s}$, $-Se(O)_{s}R_{s}$, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with $C_{1}-C_{s}$ alkyl or $C_{1}-C_{s}$ alkoxy, and n is as defined above,

 R_1 and R_2 are independently from each other, hydrogen, C_1 - C_2 -alkyl, allyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or Ar_3 , or - CR_3R_4 -(CH_2)_m- Ar_3 , wherein R_3 and R_4 independently from each other stand for hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 , Hal stands for halogen, with a nucleophilic agent selected from a selected from - NR_8R_9 , - OR_{104} -



 $S(O)_1R_8$, $S(O)_2R_8$, or , in a molar ratio of DPP VIa or VIb:nucleophilic agent in the range of 1.2:1 to 0.8:1, or, if R_2 has the same meaning as R_1 in the range of from 1:2.5 to 1:1, in the presence of an anhydrous dipolar aprotic solvent, and of an anhydrous base in an amount in the range of from

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0.1 to 15 moles per mole of the nucleophilic agent, at a temperature in the range of from 100 to 220°C and under a pressure in the range of from 100 to 300 kPa, and optionally isolating the obtained compound

(b) then treating the obtained compound Va, wherein R_7 is as defined above, with a base, thereafter in a second step, treating the reaction mixture obtained in the first step of (b) with an alkylating agent, wherein in the first step of (b) the base is a hydride, an alkali metal alkoxide or a carbonate, and the alkylating agent is a compound of the formula $(R_1)_{1 \text{ or } 2}X$, wherein X stands for SO_3 -, $(p-Me-phenyl)-SO_3$ -, (2,4,6-trimethyl-phenyl) SO_3 -, $-CO_3$ -, $-SO_4$ -, or halogen, or a mixture of $(R_1)_{1 \text{ or } 2}X$ and $(R_2)_{1 \text{ or } 2}X$.

19. (new) Electroluminescent device according to claim 1, wherein, wherein the light-emitting substance is a diketopyrrolopyrrole ("DPP") represented by formula I

wherein R_1 and R_2 , independently from each other, stand for C_1 - C_2 -alkyl, allyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or Ar_3 , or - CR_3R_4 -(CH_2)_m- Ar_3 , wherein R_3 and R_4 independently from each other stand for hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl,

Ar₃ stands for phenyl or 1- or 2-naphthyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, halogen or phenyl, which can be substituted with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or C_1 - C_3 alkoxy one to three times, and m stands for 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

Ar, and Ar, independently from each other, stand for

wherein

 R_a and R_b , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_a alkyl, -NR_BR_b, - OR_{10} , -S(O)₁R₈, -Se(O)₁R₈, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_a alkyl or C_1 - C_a alkoxy,

wherein R_8 and R_9 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, - CR_3R_4 -(CH_2)_m-Ph, R_{10} , wherein R_{10} stands for C_6 - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms,

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wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, or halogen, or

R_s and R_s stand for -C(O)R₁₁, wherein R₁₁ can be C₁-C₂₅-alkyl, C₅-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, R₁₀, -OR₁₂ or -NR₁₃R₁₄, wherein R₁₂, R₁₃, and R₁₄, stand for C₁-C₂₅-alkyl, C₅-C₁₂-cycloalkyl, C₆-C₂₄-aryl, or

R_s and R_y, independently of one another, stand for a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein the heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C₁-C₈alkyl or C₁-C₈alkoxy, or -NR₈R₉, stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R₈ and R₉ together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, -CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₂-CH₂-, or -CH -CH -NR' -CH -CH -, wherein R' independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano,

-CH₂-CH₂-NR'₅-CH₂-, wherein R'₅ independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_2 alkyl, -OR₁₀, -S(O)₁R₂, -Se(O)₁R₃, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_2 alkyl or C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, and n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3.

20. (new) Electroluminescent device according to claim 19, wherein the light-emitting substance is a diketopyrrolopyrrole ("DPP") represented by formula I

$$Ar_{2} \xrightarrow{R_{2}} O$$

$$Ar_{1} \xrightarrow{R_{1}} I$$

wherein R_1 and R_2 independently from each other, stand for C_1 - C_2 -alkyl, or - CR_3R_4 -(CH_2)_m- Ar_3 , wherein R_3 and R_4 independently from each other stand for hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl,

Ar₃ stands for phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, halogen or phenyl, which can be substituted with C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxy one to three times, and m stands for 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

Ar, and Ar₂, independently from each other, stand for

$$R_{7}$$
 or R_{6}

, wherein

 R_s and R_s , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_s alkyl, - NR_sR_s , - OR_{10} , or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_s alkyl or C_1 - C_s alkyl, cyano, wherein R_s and R_s , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_2 -alkyl, C_3 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, - CR_sR_s -(CH_s) -Ph, or

-NR_sR_s stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R_s and R_s together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, -CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₃-CH₃-or

 $-CH_2-CH_2-NR'_5-CH_2-CH_2-$, wherein R'₅ stand for hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_1-C_6 alkoxy.

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21. (new) Electroluminescent device according to claim 1, wherein the light-emitting substance is a diketopyrrolopyrrole ("DPP") represented by formula I

$$R_2$$
 Ar_2
 Ar_3
 Ar_4

wherein R_1 and R_2 , independently from each other, stand for C_1 - C_2 -alkyl, allyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or Ar_3 , or - CR_3R_4 -(CH_2)_m- Ar_3 , wherein R_3 and R_4 independently from each other stand for hydrogen, C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl,

Ar₃ stands for phenyl or 1- or 2-naphthyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_2 alkyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, halogen or phenyl, which can be substituted with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or C_1 - C_4 alkoxy one to three times, and m stands for 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

Ar, and Ar, independently from each other, stand for